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State Representative 56th House District

October 20, 2016

Mr. Asim Haque, Chairman Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 E. Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

ATTN: Case No. 16-2020-EL-AEC

Dear Chairman Haque:

I write in regard to U. S. Steel's recent \$17 million investment for a new electricity substation and of my support for the company's recent filing for a Reasonable Arrangement before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Specifically, U. S. Steel Seamless Tubular Operations, LLC operates their Lorain Tubular Operations in my district of Lorain, Ohio. The Lorain facility has been operating for over 100 years – adding strong economic value and employing hundreds of hardworking Ohioans. As the domestic steel industry continues to fight illegal trade, and as the oil and gas industries begin to improve, it is critical that we support the company's efforts to improve the longevity of the Lorain Tubular Operations by providing fair and competitive priced electricity costs.

During a time when the company is not investing capital dollars due to business conditions, the recent investment at Lorain Tubular Operations is greatly noticed. It is imperative that we do all that we can to sustain the steel manufacturing jobs in Ohio and supporting U. S. Steel's filing for a Reasonable Arrangement is a step in the right direction.

Therefore, Chairman, I sincerely implore you and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to support the investment by U. S. Steel and to approve the request for a Reasonable Arrangement that is currently before the Commission. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns.

Best,

**Dan Ramos** State Representative 56th District